The 2008 Recommended Specifications for Public Access Computers in Federal Depository Libraries are now available from GPO. The recommended specifications (RS) are intended to assist depository coordinators in making informed purchases that will best achieve the goal of providing public access to Federal Government information in a variety of electronic formats. The RS will become requirements October 1, 2009. The current Minimum Technical Requirements (MTR) will remain in effect until September 30, 2009.

When being compiled, the computer retail market is examined as well as agency online publishing formats and trends in library services. These guidelines are aimed at providing reasonably robust workstations that should provide years of service before they become obsolete, but GPO encourages the purchase of equipment that exceeds these specifications if at all economically feasible. Computers with these specifications meet the requirements for accessing and using Federal Digital System (FDSys).

The RS can be found on the FDLP Desktop RS page .